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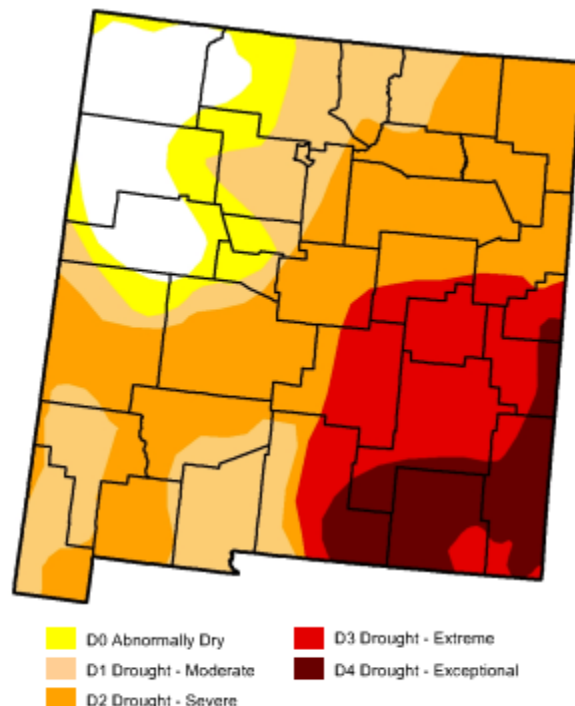
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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 1, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to fair. Winter wheat ranged from very poor to fair; with 34% of the total wheat grazed. Lettuce condition was mostly good to excellent. Chile was 55% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good; with 50% planted. Cattle conditions were mostly poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 62% very short, 29% short and 9% adequate. Wind damage was 10% light, 6% moderate and 2% severe; with winter wheat 34% damaged and onions 8% damaged. No freeze damage this week.



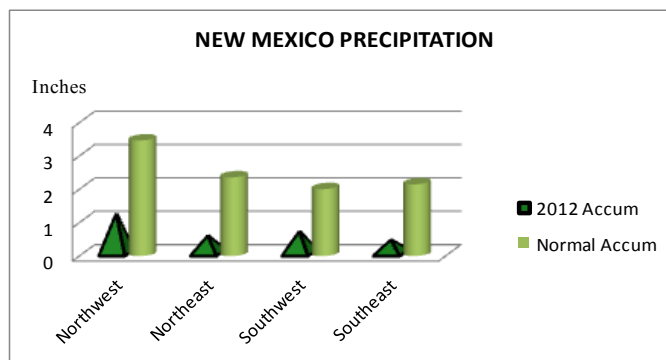
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Chile	Planted	55	-	51	50
Onion	Planted	50	-	95	99
W Wheat	Grazed	34	-	48	42

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	24	8	31	33	4
Lettuce	11	-	-	44	45
Onion	-	-	35	53	12
Winter Wheat	39	30	30	1	-
Cattle	31	41	27	1	-
Sheep	20	45	29	6	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	38	47	15	-
Northeast	77	23	-	-
Southwest	26	46	28	-
Southeast	69	20	11	-
State Current	62	29	9	-
State-Last Week	-	-	-	-
State-Last Year	59	33	8	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	31	38	29	2

Additional Comments: **De Baca:** Alfalfa producers have started to water their fields. Ranchers are still supplemental feeding due to lack of rangeland forage. **Guadalupe:** No wind this week - good weather to work outside. **Quay:** Producers continue to provide feed to cattle. Pastures are showing some green, but in a need of some good rain. Winds haven't been as bad as last year; however heat has reached the high 80's and 90's. Another year with no allocation of water to producers. Winter wheat in fairly good shape. **San Miguel/Mora:** It's been nice this week. No wind so farmers were able to work on land this week. Farmers are cleaning the ditches and ranchers are still feeding cows. **Luna/Grant:** Pasture conditions improved somewhat, however, it is still not enough to sustain livestock adequately. If we do not get more rain, the conditions will be as bad as last year. **Otero:** Our hay growers will not harvest their first cutting of alfalfa until late this month.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	42	36	22	-	-
Northeast	84	8	8	-	-
Southwest	59	22	12	7	-
Southeast	84	13	3	-	-
State Current	74	16	9	1	-
State-Last Week	-	-	-	-	-
State-Last Year	23	38	29	10	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	30	38	18	-



Weather Summary

This past week in New Mexico was filled with abundant sunshine and warmer temperatures. No precipitation occurred thanks to the presence of an upper level high pressure system. This system allowed for temperatures to rise well above normal throughout the entire state. Some of the highest departures above normal were seen in Raton at 13 degrees, Roy at 11 degrees, and Tucumcari at 10 degrees.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – March 26 - April 1, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 26 Mar - 01 Apr	Month 01 Apr - 01 Apr	Accum. 01 Jan -01 Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	61.0	81	39	0.00	0.00	0.86	0.52	1.96
Chama	44.9	70	20	0.00	0.00	2.51	1.27	6.61
Farmington	54.6	78	31	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.51	2.48
Gallup	49.3	75	20	0.00	0.00	1.73	0.64	3.23
Grants	49.9	77	21	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	48.2	76	19	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	55.9	74	38	0.00	0.00	0.77	1.00	3.88
Red River	42.2	65	20	0.00	0.00	2.13	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	51.9	76	27	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	55.4	79	26	0.00	0.00	1.03	1.01	2.86
Clayton	62.2	86	38	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.94	2.04
Clovis	65.6	87	44	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	55.4	78	30	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	51.4	77	25	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.66	2.10
Raton	59.4	84	31	0.00	0.00	0.95	1.06	2.90
Roy	60.5	77	39	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	67.0	91	43	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	63.1	83	41	0.00	0.00	1.70	0.20	1.86
Deming	61.6	83	38	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	59.0	77	35	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.64	2.88
Quemado	46.9	72	16	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.60	2.95
Socorro	62.9	84	37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	1.41
T or C	65.0	84	43	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	63.4	86	36	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	69.0	92	42	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	56.9	81	29	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	63.9	85	43	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.21	1.26
Roswell	60.6	85	34	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	51.9	76	26	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.63	4.24
Tatum	65.0	89	42	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.64	2.05

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.